

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 205

March 28, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges public library boards in Tennessee to require public libraries under their authority to obtain parental consent prior to allowing a minor to check out library materials that are rated "R" or "NC-17". Public Libraries are urged to obtain such written parental consent by requiring a parental signature on the minor child's library card.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

For information purposes: Under current law, the Tennessee public library boards *direct all the affairs of the library and make and enforce rules and regulations*. In addition, the Tennessee State Library and Archives publishes Tennessee Minimum Standards for Non-Metropolitan Public Libraries that require written library policies to cover materials access and circulation issues for all library users within a community. The vast majority of public libraries in Tennessee have already addressed the issue of parental consent with regard to the rights of minors and community standards, with library boards examining these policies on a regular basis.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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